Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The gauge reading will be done in conjunction with the officers of the Travancore and Cochin Governments.

Kodakara-Vellikulangara road—construction of.

62. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the construction of Kodakara-Vellikulangara road has been completed now as promised by the Chief Engineer during the Budget Session last year;

(b) what is the reason for the delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) and (b) The question of improving the road from Vellikulangara River as far as the Tram line is under the consideration of the Road Board.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know whether the Road Board has come to any decision regarding this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Board has included this work in the report.

Mr. President.—The report of the Road Board has been printed and will be circulated among the Hon'ble Members.

Appointment of Mr. P. S. Seetharam as Canal Superintendent, Ernakulam—Claimants to the post.

63. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications of Mr. P. S. Seetharam, who was appointed as Canal Superintendent, Ernakulam;

(b) what is his pay and age;

(c) are there not officers in the department who are qualified for the post;

(d) are there officers in service who have acted as Canal Superintendents;

(e) if so, who are they ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Matriculate; Completed Intermediate Course; War service for 5½ years in

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the Mesopotamian theatre; declared eligible for Superior Service by the Madras Government; has worked for about 4 years in the Public Works Department at Mettur and Coorg.

(b) Pay Rs. 40 in 40-60 grade.

Age 43.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) 1. P. S. Joseph

2. John J. Browne

3. P. Sankunni Menon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he exempted from age bar?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I think that war service men are not subject to such restrictions.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—What is the minimum qualification for the post of a canal superintendent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The minimum qualification is school final.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rs. 40 to 60.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—Is any technical qualification necessary?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was he posted above the three names given?

Mr. President.—It is partly on account of the war service.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, and all these people are now getting the same pay.

Guest House, Ernakulam—Construction of.

64. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of constructing a Guest House in Ernakulam;

(b) if so, at what cost?

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